

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Third Sunday of Easter- April 22nd/23rd 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Declan King (A)
Pamela Clarken - Co. Sligo (A)
Fr. Henry O'Connor (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Maisie Dowling -
Kilgowan (A)
Fr. Henry O'Connor (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Fr. Henry O'Connor (A)
Colm Crowe (A)
Martin Miley (A)

MOONE 12 noon - Matthew Murphy (M.M.)
Paul & Johanna Cashin (A)

Recently Deceased: Paddy Smullen -
formerly Moone Parish who was buried
during the week

CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am -
Donor's Intentions.

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the
Word with Holy Communion

Coffee Morning

Supporting the ASD CLASS

Join us

Scoil Íde Naofa
Kilmead, Athy, Co. Kildare R14 EV65
Friday 21st April 2023 Time: 9am - 1pm

ALL WELCOME

Go Fund Me Link: <https://gofund.me/1f518399>




THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the fundraising initiative for the new ASD in Scoil Íde Naofa. The Coffee Morning, organised by John O'Donovan and held in the school last Friday raised a staggering €3,500. The Go Fund Me page, which is still operational has received donations in excess of €4,000. Incredible generosity. If you would like to contribute you can do so on this link: <https://gofund.me/1f518399>

LOURDES

ST MICHAEL'S ATHY

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

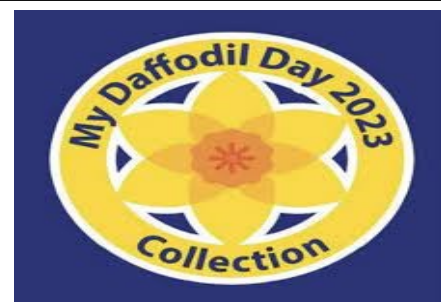
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THANKS TO EVERYONE who supported the Local Daffodil Day collection. Special thanks to: Lily and Ann in Ballitore Post Office, to David and Deirdre in Glanbia, to Katie in Beauty Box and Hair Boutique and the O'Reilly Family in Crookstown Service Station. Also the parents and children en route to school as well as local business and members of the general public who supported this worthy cause. We exceeded all our expectations and €4,074 was donated for the Irish cancer society. Well done and thanks.

The **Further Education and Training Centre Athy** will be hosting an **Open Day** on May 3rd from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to find out more about all levels of Education and Training courses for adult learners and young people in your area, please come along on the day. We will also be accepting registration for new students enrolling on programmes starting September, and some summer programmes. For additional information please call: Una Burke/Susie Kelly/Michael Kelly on 059 8632044 Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. Co Kildare. www.athyfetc.ie

DONATE ONLINE

GREAT NEWS - after months of work our secure and totally safe online donation system is finally up and running. You can make donations directly to Church of your choosing; Ballymount, Crookstown or Moone. As well as making your contribution to the first and second collections at mass, both of which are diocesan collections and no funds stay in the parish. All donations can be set up to donate automatically on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis, whichever is most convenient for you. There are still a few technical issues to be resolved, namely the position of the button on our website. You will find it on the right hand side, just below the Newsletter and link to our Facebook Page. It is difficult to find on the mobile view of the website so please if you wish to donate please do so via a laptop or desktop while we resolve this issue. Thank You for your generosity.



Welcome to the girls and boys who are preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. The first of our celebrations will take place on May 6th in St Ita's in Kilmead. Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers.

SUPERSLIDE STAIR LIFT

Acorn Superslide 130 Stair Lift, very good condition, suitable for straight stairs, got very little use. Enquiries 087 2401945. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Moone Road Run.

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT:

Sunday 8:30am

SS MARY & LAWRENCE CROOKSTOWN:

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am

ST ITA'S KILMEAD:

Sunday 10.30am

Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am but is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

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CATECHETICAL CORNER - "I AIN'T AFRAID OF NO GHOST"

Do you believe in ghosts? When we think about people coming back from the dead, we usually think of them as ghosts or spirits. Usually with the ability to walk through walls, to appear or disappear at will. That sounds like what happened with Jesus. In our gospel today we see HIM walking along with two of HIS disciples, but they didn't recognize HIM, they could see HIM alright but they didn't recognize HIM. So was Jesus, really just a ghost? What does it mean that He was raised from the dead? Because if Jesus is just a ghost, then really, as St Paul says: *"If Christ has not been raised from the dead...then of all people we are the most pitiable."* (1 Cor. 15 12-16)

So what does it mean that Christ is raised from the dead? The short answer is we don't really know, as St John says: *"...what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is."* (1 Jn.3:2).

When Jesus was seen by HIS disciples He was seen with a body, He ate with them: *"they offered HIM a piece of grilled fish which HE took and ate before their eyes."* (Lk. 24:42-43). Thomas put his hands into Jesus' side and touched the wounds on His hands. (see Jn. 20: 27). So the biblical evidence is that Jesus had a body after rising from the dead He wasn't a spirit or a ghost, as some like to think. Indeed, the last line of the Creed reads: *"I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."* But what does that mean?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this for us. In §§997 - 998 it says: *"What is 'rising'? In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection....Who will rise? All the dead will rise..."*

How? Christ is raised with his own body: "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" To be fair the Catechism goes on to say that the 'How' of the resurrection exceeds our imagination and understanding (see CCC #1000). However, it also says that we have a glimpse of what it might be in the Eucharist. It quotes St Irenaeus: *"Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection."* In other words the grain dies and, by the action of GOD is transformed as something different. St Paul, in the letter to the Romans, puts it like this: *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you."* (Rom. 8:11). I think we can see that we are really grasping at straws to try and explain this, it is one of the great mysteries of our faith that, as the CCC says: *"...it is accessible only to faith."* (CCC #1000).

The Resurrection of the Body is central to the faith of Christians, without it we have no faith, we have no joy, we are not forgiven and we do not have the promise and the hope of eternal life. But Jesus did rise, we do have hope and joy, our sins are forgiven and we shall rise with HIM and our bodies shall be like HIS. Like in our Gospel today, we may not recognise our bodies, just as the two disciples didn't recognise Jesus. We may not even recognise Jesus as HE walks beside us, but have faith, He is walking with us and we recognise HIM in the breaking of the bread.



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*"Have faith, the one you cannot see is with you"-
St Augustine.*